## Church of All Saints in the Vendée

"To know and to share Jesus Christ"



December 2022/January 2023



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## 4-Thought December 2022/January 2023



We're heading to the busiest part of the Church's year. We move into the season of Advent, through Christmas and then to Epiphany, and then in mid-January we reach the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This annual celebration is planned by a different group and country every year. This year it will be the Minnesota Council of Churches, from the US. The theme is "Do Good, Seek Justice" using verse 17 from Isaiah 1.

There was a preliminary planning meeting in November involving representatives from EPUDF, and the Catholic churches, as well as we Anglicans. The service will take place in the lovely, recently restored church in Foussais-Payré on the 22 of January 2023, starting at 11.00hrs.

At the preliminary meeting we also received an invitation to take part in the annual greeting evening to be held in the Salle OPS in Fontenay le Comte, this is to be on Wednesday 11th January from 18-30, there'll be a buffet, and of course greetings from various folks. I'm sure further information will be circulated nearer the date.

Speaking of nearer, don't forget that we shall be holding a special bilingual 9 lessons and carols service in the historic church of Vouvant, this will take place on the 11th December start time 16-00. If anyone needs further information or would like to volunteer to take part in either of those services please contact either me, or either of the churchwardens.

May all the blessings of the Christ child be upon you this Christmas tide, and a very happy, peaceful and healthy New Year be yours,

Every blessing to you and yours,

Hazel

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Hi Everyone

Following a recent Council discussion, it was decided that this year we would support the **Bishop's Advent Appeal.** 

On the following pages you will find the Appeal as sent to us by our Bishop in Gibraltar.

If you would like to donate to this Appeal, it will be possible to donate either via cash in the collection in an envelope marked "Advent Appeal", or follow the instructions given in the Appeal letter

Many thanks in advance,

Hazel Chaplain, All Saints, Vendée

#### DIOCESE IN EUROPE

#### THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022

#### Bishop's Advent Appeal 2022: Toilet Block for Bishop Hannington School, Mumias, Kenya



The Bishop Hannington Academy under caretruction

#### In Summary

In 2020, I launched an appeal to build a classroom for Bishop Hannington School in Mumias, Kenya. I am delighted to say that the classroom was successfully built. Indeed great progress has been made with the construction of other classrooms too. My appeal this year is for a toilet block for this same school.

#### Why this Project?

The appeal follows a personal request from Bishop Joseph Wandera. I first met Joseph in the Hague, when he was in the Netherlands studying for a research degree. We renewed our

friendship on a Holy Land pilgrimage a few years ago. It was a particular pleasure to meet him again at the Lambeth Conference in Canterbury, pictured with me here at the Christian Aid stand in the resources tent. So this Appeal is one way of carrying forward the missional intentions of the Lambeth Conference. This region of Kenya is affected by extremes of weather induced by climate change.

#### The story of Bishop Hannington Academy

In 2013 the Kenyan government introduced a policy of free primary education. This led to big increases in the numbers of children enrolled in schools:



2 comboth Conference 2022 with Bishop Joseph Wooders

improving primary school participation rates is a key factor in development and wellbeing. However, the number of teachers did not increase, and classrooms were congested. Aware of this

 challenge, the Anglican Diocese of Mumias established the Bishop Hannington Academy as their contribution towards better quality primary education in a Christian context.

#### **Building on Success**

Back in 2019, the school had just two classrooms with three teachers. As we can see from the photo at the head of this letter, there has been a lot of progress since then with new building.

Because the school is growing, the Diocese now needs to install a purpose-built toilet block. UN sponsored World Toilet Day (19 November) leaves us in no doubt as to the crucial importance of providing good hygiene facilities.

We have already helped Dr. Wandera to build a classroom for the school. This Appeal gives us the opportunity to provide an "ablutions block" for the girls and boys, to give them toilets and the possibility of better hygiene while they are at school. 'Days for Girls' (which featured prominently at the Lambeth Conference) has brought home to us all the importance of proper hygiene provision if girls are to manage at school. Better hygiene means a better education. Better education will change their world.



3 Drawing of the planned oblutions black

#### The cost of the project

Bishop Joseph has given detailed estimates for the project. It will cost 2.4 million Kenyan Shillings, about 20,000 euros, to build a new ablutions block. (That is very good value by West European standards!) Our Advent Appeal will therefore be a very tangible expression of support for the Diocese of Mumias's mission to educate primary school children.

To donate to the Bishop Hannington Toilet Block Appeal please see the notes below.

Yours sincerely,

+ Robert Gibraltor in Europe

+Robert Gibraltar in Europe

#### How you can donate to the Bishop in Europe's Advent Appeal 2022:

By cheque:

"Advent Appeal 2022".

Diocese in Europe Board of Finance
14, Tufton St
London SW1P 3OZ

By bank transfer:

Account number: 40317039

Sort code: 20-06-13

IBAN: GB16 BUKB 2006 1340 3170 39

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On the Diocese in Europe Just Giving page: https://www.justgiving.com/diocese-ineurope

Or: via your Chaplaincy Treasurer to Nick Wraight in the Diocesan Office

Or: it will be possible to donate via <u>cash in the collection</u> in an envelope marked:

"Advent Appeal"

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## **Prayer List**

#### Please remember in your prayers:



Colin and Hester
Ann and Peter (friends of
David and Sally)

Anne
Dick
Gini and Martyn
Heidi and Millie-Jean and
their parents, Joël and Jo

Ken
Liam (Polly's nephew)
Maggie
Menna (Mair Pugh's
Mum) and Nel
Pat and Roy
Polly

#### ...and for the bereaved:

The family and friends of **Peter Somerville** 

The family and friends of **Eelan Hodgson** 

The family and friends of **Ann Hopkins** 

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## Sunday Club

No one will be turned away, everyone is welcomed

We are now open for children to attend Sunday Club activities including Holidaymakers.

Please contact Jenny if you require more information: email: jennywilkinson213@gmail.com

...and there's much more...
...... KEEP READING.....



## Churchwardens' Notes For December 2022 and January 2023

It's difficult to believe that another year approaches already! They say that 'time flies when you are having fun', but maybe it's because we are getting older quicker!

As we prepare for Christmas, we have a variety of services at All Saints Vendée. Our Advent Service will be on Sunday 27 November at Puy de Serre, followed by Lessons and Carols at La Chapelle Palluau on 4 December. The Service of Lessons and Carols this year in the east of the 'parish' is to be held at Vouvant church on 11 December at 1600. Not only is it to be in both French and English, but the Carols are to be played on the magnificently refurbished organ there. We hope to welcome friends and acquaintances from around the region. Our Christmas celebrations will continue with 'Christingle' by ZOOM at 1100 on 18 December (contact Fiona McGregor for ZOOM information) - please support the Children's Fund by donating via the candle boxes available in both churches. There will be a Christmas Eve service at 1600 on 24 December. The church and salle at Puy de Serre will not be available, so we are looking for another venue - to be announced as soon possible.

As well as donating towards the Children's Fund, Bishop Robert - our Bishop in Europe - has launched his Christmas Appeal to build an ablution block for a school in Kenya. The target is 20 000 euro, so do support this very worthy cause too. Details to be found elsewhere in this edition of Grapevine.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be from 18 to 25 January 2023. We will be joining with our fellow French Christians in a service on 22 January. Again, details to be announced as soon as we know them.

We would like to make another appeal to any of you who could make a contribution to our worship in terms of giving time and talents - perhaps to read a lesson, help with church flowers, making coffee or even training as a Worship Leader. We particularly would like someone to help with the Sacristan duties. It is an honour to maintain and care for the holy table. If you feel you could help in any way, please ask one of us.

As we prepare the puddings, mince pies, presents etc, let us not get too bogged down to remember what Christmas is really all about. We are remembering the time when our Saviour Jesus Christ was born and the joy that it brings. Let us not forget those people in the world who will not have peace and prosperity this Christmas or New Year. Many of us will be returning to the UK for Christmas to be with families. So, to those of you, we wish you very safe journeys and to everyone we wish you a happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Your Wardens,



# Dates for your Diary December 2022

| 1 <sup>st</sup> December Thursday   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 11hr00 Holy Communion at La Chapelle Palluau                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 8 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 14hr00 <b>Sewing Circle</b>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 16hr00 <b>9 Lessons &amp; Carols in French and English</b> at Vouvant |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Thursday 15th 11hr00 Ladies Circle Get ready for Christmas!                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bring and share Christmas lunch   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 19th Sunday 11hr00 Christingle Service by Zoom (contact Figna McCrosor)                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday. 11hr00 <b>Christingle Service</b> by Zoom (contact Fiona McGregor)   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 24 <sup>th</sup> Saturday <b>Christmas Eve Service</b> 16hr00 at Puy de Serre                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday <b>Christmas Day</b> No Service                                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 31 <sup>st</sup> December Saturday  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Please check with the website and/or the Churchwardens in case of any alterations.



31st January Tuesday

# Dates for your Diary January 2023

1st January 2023 Sunday No Service ( Resto Collection point) 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday 11hr00 Holy Communion at Puy de Serre 11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday from 18hr30 **WPCU Annual Greeting Evening + Buffet** to be held in the Salle des OPS, 104 Rue de la République, 85200 Fontenay le Comte 13th Friday Quiz 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday No Service 18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Week Of **Prayer** 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 11hr00 Combined Service For for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Foussais-Payré **Christian** Unity 25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 29th Sunday No Service

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# Dates for your Diary February 2023

| 1 <sup>st</sup> February Wednesday   |
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| 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 11hr00 Holy Communion at La Chapelle Palluau                      |
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| 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday. 11hr00 Holy Communion at Puy de Serre ( Resto Collection point) |
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| 17 <sup>th</sup> Friday <b>Quiz</b>  |
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| 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday No Service   |
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| 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 11hr00 Holy Communion at Puy de Serre                            |
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| 28 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday February  |
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Note: Friday 3rd March World Day of Prayer 2023
March 17<sup>th</sup> Quiz

Please check with the website and/or the Churchwardens in case of any alterations.

## **LECTIONARY READINGS**

#### December 2022

(In future, the Preacher will inform the Worship Leader which readings they want to use)

#### 4<sup>th</sup> December (LCP)

**Second Sunday of Advent** 

Isaiah 11.1-10

Romans 15.4-13

Matthew 3.1-12

Psalm 72.1-7,18-19

(or 72.1-7)

#### 11<sup>th</sup> December (Vouvant)

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35.1-10

James 5.7-10

Matthew 11.2-11

Psalm 146.4-10

or Canticle: Magnificat

18th December (Zoom)

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7.10-16

**Romans 1.1-7** 

Matthew 1.18-25

Psalm 80.1-8,18-20

24<sup>th</sup> December (PdS)

**Christmas Eve** 

2 Samuel 7.1-5,8-11,16

Acts 13.16-26

Luke 1.67-79

Psalm 89.2,19-27

## EAST & WEST VENDÉE — CHURCH SERVICE ROTA

## **DECEMBER INTO JANUARY**

| DATE<br>2022/2023                        | VENUE  | TIME  | SERVICE   | PRES-<br>IDENT | PREACHER                                 | WORSHIP<br>LEADER | ORGAN-<br>IST | CHALICE | INTER-<br>CESSOR | READERS  | WEL-<br>COMERS                      | NOTES  |
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| Sunday<br>4 <sup>th</sup><br>December    | La<br>Chapelle<br>Palluau  | 11.00 | НС  | HD             |  |                   | SS-J          |         |                  |          |                                     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in<br>Advent              |
| Sunday<br>11 <sup>th</sup><br>December   | Vouvant  | 16.00 | 9 Lessons<br>& Carols in<br>French and<br>English |                |  |                   | <b>√</b>      |         |                  |          |                                     | "Gaudete"<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday<br>in Advent |
| Sunday<br>18 <sup>th</sup><br>December   | Zoom   | 11.00 | Christingle<br>Service                            |                | Zoom Service<br>(Contact Fiona McGregor) |                   |               |         |                  |          | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>In Advent |  |
| Saturday<br>24 <sup>th</sup><br>December | Puy de<br>Serre  | 16.00 | Christmas<br>Eve<br>Communion                     |                |  |                   |               |         |                  |          |                                     | Christmas<br>Eve                                 |
| Sunday<br>1 <sup>st</sup><br>January     | La<br>Chapelle<br>Palluau  |       |   |                |  |                   |               |         |                  |          |                                     |  |
| Sunday<br>8 <sup>th</sup><br>January     | Puy de<br>Serre  | 11.00 |   |                |  | AC                | SS-J          |         | MK               | GK<br>SP |                                     |  |
| Sunday<br>15 <sup>th</sup><br>January    |  |       |   |                |  |                   |               |         |                  |          |                                     |  |
| Sunday<br>22 <sup>nd</sup><br>January    | Foussais<br>-Payré 11.00 Combined Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity |       |   |                |  |                   |               |         |                  |          |                                     |  |
| Sunday<br>29 <sup>th</sup><br>January    | No Service   |       |   |                |  |                   |               |         |                  |          |                                     |  |
| Sunday<br>5 <sup>th</sup><br>February    | La<br>Chapelle<br>Palluau  | 11.00 |   |                |  |                   | SS-J          |         |                  |          |                                     |  |

### FORWARD PLANNING

### **DECEMBER INTO JANUARY**

This Forward Planning Rota displays those essential responsibilities which make our Services and Refreshments afterwards possible. If you feel able to "fill in the blanks," please contact the Organiser concerned.

|                                  | 24 <sup>th</sup> December | 8 <sup>th</sup> January | 12 <sup>th</sup> February |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Responsibility                   | <b>Christmas Eve</b>      | Puy de Serre            | Puy de Serre              |
| (Organiser)                      | Puy de Serre 16hr00       | Salle 11hr00            | Salle 11hr00              |
| Salle Setup/Clearing away        |                           |                         |                           |
| (Chris Green at PdS <del>)</del> |                           |                         |                           |
| Refreshments after the           |                           |                         |                           |
| service                          | Jenny and Trudy           |                         |                           |
| (Jenny Wilkinson at PdS)         |                           |                         |                           |
| Flower Rota                      |                           |                         |                           |
| (Barbara Matthews at             | ✓                         |                         |                           |
| PdS)                             |                           |                         |                           |

## Grapevine Treasurer's Report:

October 2022:

Income: 2447.50 € (including organ fund donations)

Expenditure: 1036.08 €

We have a positive balance for the month: 1411.42 € (includes organ fund)

Please remember that, with people returning to the UK, our income from Planned Giving is now the lowest since 2019. If anyone wishes to join the scheme, please let me know at mcgregor@lalogette.com.



Thank you hugely to everyone who has contributed so generously to the **Organ Fund**.

If you have not yet done so, there is still time - we would dearly love to reach 1000 € before Christmas.

Iain McGregor

(Treasurer)





#### **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2022**

Thank you everyone who contributed to this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



The final amount in the collection box was **64.26 euros**. The pound Sterling equivalent has now been sent to The Royal British Legion in London.

This organisation continues to support serving and ex-serving personnel all year round, every day of the week.

Doug

# I have a question

### These are YOUR pages.....

My thanks to all the Contributors of notices and articles for this month's "Grapevine".



Ladies Circle; Resto du Cœur; Quiz Report; Sunday Club x3; Harvest Festival at LCP and Remembrance Day photos

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#### **ASV LADIES' CIRCLE**

The Ladies' Circle and Sewing Group take place at:
Joan Stewart's, Mouilleron-en-Pareds.
Both groups always welcome newcomers.
Contact: Joan Stewart, or Jenny Wilkinson

<u>Jpsmorandiere@outlook.com</u>

Jennywilkinson213@gmail.com

### **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2022**

Thursday 8th December, 2pm Sewing Circle

Thursday 15th December, 11am
Ladies Circle
Get ready for Christmas!
Bring and share Christmas lunch

## All Saint's Vendée

Dates for the next three 2023

Priday January 13. (This we were expecting)

Friday February 17

By the time you read this we will (hopefully) have had a second quiz, on Friday 18 November to start at 18h00.

The October Quiz - the first since before the pandemic - was held in the Salle at Puy de Serre on Friday October 28th. We were a jolly band of 34 'contestants', nobly kept under control by Quizmasters Extraordinaires Curtis and Dee Parkyn, playing in tables of six!



Several rounds of questions later, on such diverse topics as: 'the decade in which playdough was introduced'; 'the nationality of Sir Edmund Hillary'; 'the burial place of Nelson'; and 'the number of children in the Von Trapp Family in the Sound of Music' the little grey cells were duly exercised (to be fair we had lots of choices

to help us!). A fun round of dingbats kept us puzzling as well.

At half time, we had some superb food, produced by Jenny, and ably assisted by Trudy and Chrissie. Desserts were offered by some of the guests, and the raffle (with some lovely prizes) was very slickly run by John and Mair – we will miss them as they return to support their family in the UK.

It was lovely to hear the Salle buzzing with laughter and chatter, and so many different family and friends from throughout the Vendée and the Deux-Sèvres, not forgetting Hazel and Martin from even more distant pastures, getting together after such a long-enforced period.

We hope that the Quiz on 18<sup>th</sup> November will be just as successful. There won't be one in December, but we hope to re-start again in the New Year – so watch this space!

Remember, **all** are very welcome, so please spread the word to all your friends.

Fiona McGregor October 2022



# Mike Mylod is our link with **Restos du Coeur**

He will continue to collect your gifts of dry

goods, etc. which are particularly important now and which will be delivered to the local depot at Coulonges-sur-l'Autize.



Please phone Mike before leaving goods with him at Mouilleron-en-Pareds: 02 51 51 07 36

..... and just to add:

With the rising cost of living, there are more folk than ever in need of basic food, cleaning materials and toiletries. Collections are made at Puy de Serre at the first service of the month there (i.e. the second Sunday of each month).

The local group that we support at Coulonges-sur-l'Autize say that, in particular, they have need for tins of ready meals like Ravioli and Cassoulet.

Please continue to help. Many, many thanks for your continued support. Maggie K

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Did you know
PREVIOUS SERMONS and
TALKS
can be read at:

www.allsaintsvendee.fr



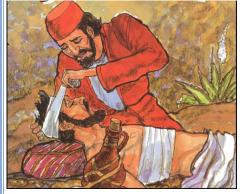


## Sunday Club

### The Good Samaritan.



Please read Luke chapter 10 verses 29 to 37.



There is no better way to explain who one's neighbour is from a Christian standing than to refer to **The Good Samaritan**.

Luke shares lessons for all when he quotes Jesus explaining to a law expert, who his neighbour is.

#### The Good Samaritan.

A man was heading to Jerusalem when he was mugged, the assailants took everything he had, and left him for dead. He could not move, and hoped for a passerby to come to his rescue.

The first person to pass by was a priest, Upon seeing the wounded man, the priest went his way and never bothered to help. The same thing happened with the second passerby, a Levite!

Then came a Samaritan, he immediately felt pity for the hurt man and decided to help. He attended to his injuries and went a step further to take him to a Inn where he could be looked after properly and paid for them to do so.

When Jesus was telling this story, he turned the law expert and asked " Who among the three, can the wounded man call his neighbour?" Without a doubt, the law expert answered "The Samaritan"

Then Jesus concluded by declaring "Go and do likewise"!

#### Moral lesson:

We should love everyone the way we would want them to love us. That is the best way we can show our love to God.

The priest and the Levite claimed to be men of God, but could not do the Godly act of helping the wounded man. In essence, they did not love God!!

Let us pray to God and thank him for being at our side,
And for all the new opportunities he gives us,
We pray for his forgiveness, his huge love ♥ and blessings.
And pray for the strength to follow in his footsteps.

AMEN.

Jennifer Wilkinson

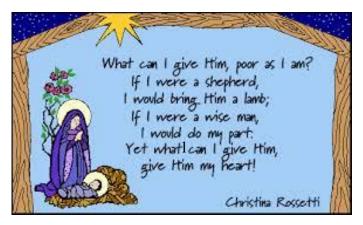


## Sunday Club

#### The Best Christmas Present









"In the Bleak Midwinter" is a poem, published in 1872, by the English poet <u>Christina Rossetti</u>, commonly performed as a <u>Christmas carol</u>. <u>Gustav Holst</u> composed a setting of Rossetti's words in 1906 and <u>Harold Darke</u> composed an anthem setting in 1909.

In the poem, in which the Nativity scene is described, Christina Rossetti asks, "What shall I give Him, poor as I am?" meaning what should she give to Jesus.

She concludes, "Give Him my heart!"

What better present could we give to Jesus, than to give Him our heart!

#### In the bleak midwinter

The original poem by CHRISTINA ROSSETTI

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim, worship night and day, Breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay; Enough for Him, whom angels fall before, The ox and ass and camel which adore.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there, Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air; But His mother only, in her maiden bliss, Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;

If I were a Wise Man,
I would do my part;

Yet what I can I give Him:
give my heart.

Trudy



## Sunday Club

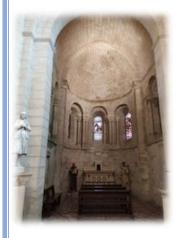
## What's so special about church buildings?



Beautiful architecture, feelings of peace and tranquility, exquisite paintings, a special place for God.......

Church in Antartica

These are some of the reactions people have when they enter a church building. Now Jesus said, « For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. » (Matthew 18:20) So we don't really need a special building to worship God and feel the presence of Jesus, and yet....



Église\_Notre-Dame-del'Assomption\_de\_Vouvant

A man called Albert was asked why he wanted to get married in a church, and his reply was "The stones of this church are full of the prayers of the people."

\* Let's think on this when we are next in a church: the walls echo to the prayers, both silent and vocal, of people some of whom lived centuries ago calling on God, of people gathered in Jesus's name.

So let's join them and He will be there with us.



Church of the Nativity in Jerusalem

\*"Something Understood" 06.11.2022 (Radio 4)

Trudy

#### Harvest Festival Thanksgiving at La Chapelle Palluau

Sunday the 6th February, we had our Harvest Festival, here in the west. We were all happy to be given the opportunity to show how thankful we are for all the good things in our lives.



Jo went on Saturday to decorate the altar with flowers and autumn leaves and the old church was smiling on Sunday morning, ready to receive our gifts for the Resto de Cœur. Heavy rain showers didn't worry us as we arrived to unload our Baskets.

Hazel and Martin were already there, having spent the night in the manse. Hazel had arranged a lovely service for us with special hymns that we all knew.

We didn't have strangers bursting through the big old doors, but Peggy and Linda did just about that. Then Jacqui and Stuart with all their portable equipment.



Colin and Hester got the hymn books out and saw to the pulpit and micro system and we were set to go.

Hazel's words of——

Lord, bring us new life where we are worn and tired New love where we have turned hard hearted. Forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded

And the Joy and Freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are Prisoners of Ourselves.



May our gifts be received with gratitude, and may we be evermore generous.

After the service we had coffee with Peggy's lemon drizzle cakes, and went on to a Luncheon together at Hester and Colin's. They even had to add a table to accommodate us all:

Joyce

## Bring & Share Luncheon after the Harvest Service at La Chapelle Palluau





### Remembrance Sunday at Puy de Serre







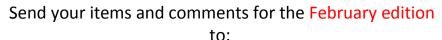




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